Meet the Band

Meet Terri Briggs. She started playing the clarinet in the band in September of 1998. She is currently a masters of Architecture student at Tech and works as an assistant in the Art and Architecture Library. She is currently working on her thesis. It is about designing an addition to the 4-room 1836 elementary school she attended in New Hampshire.

Meet Elizabeth Bowles. She began playing the clarinet in the band the first night of practice! She later gave in to her lifelong dream and learned to play the oboe for the band. Her nephew is following in her musical footsteps and is learning to play the drums. She is currently the office manager at State Farm in Bluefield, VA. For fun, she collects/redesigns Barbies and plays the clarinet in the Bluefield area Town Band. She loves listening to music of all kinds and is a wannabe computer nerd.

Announcements

We are now trying to arrange the first music sorting party of the year. Please do what you can to join us once the date is set. We need to sort the holiday music, the New Years Eve music and start preparing for the 4th of July. Watch for the date.

Turn in your music folders!! We are still missing some of the music folders from last year! If you have a folder that you received before January 10th, you have old music that we are not playing any longer. We need your folder so we can put the latest music in it. In any case, you should not be keeping your music longer than a week without coming to rehearsals. We need to have the music at the rehearsals each week!

We are beginning to have sectionals before band at 7:00 so listen for when your instrument sectionals will be held.

Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in working on committees to support the band through the semester, please contact one of the officers. There are several committees available. Any amount of time that you have to give will be appreciated. The committees include: Membership (VP), Social Committee (VP), Operations (VP),
Library (SEC), Publicity (SEC), Newsletter (SEC), Historical (SEC), Fund Raising (TR), Budget (TR)

CURRENT PROJECTS NEEDING ASSISTANCE:
- Help with sorting music
- Help with updating band schedule posted at music stores

Upcoming Events

Works by Robert and Clara Schumann will be performed by Elizabeth Curtis, soprano; Robert Strauss, Tenor; Caryl Conger, Pianist. Preston Hall at Radford University on Thursday February 15 at 8:00 pm. (Tickets: 831-5265 www.Radford.edu/~cvpa-web/ruarts.html)

Pipes, Tubes, and Piano is the name of the concert performed by soprano Nancy McDuffie and pianist Mary Louise Hallauer along with the Tech wind faculty. A mixed selection of works for woodwind and brass instruments will be performed included pieces by Zelenka, Shostakovich, Cooke, and Turina. Concert dates are February 17 at 8:00 pm and 18 and 3:00 pm. (Tickets: $10 231-5615 or www.sota.vt.edu)

The Road Company, NYC, will be performing Godspell at 7:30 pm on February 20 in Burruss Hall Auditorium. This musical opens the biblical text of St. Matthew to portray the hearts and minds of a young generation as they discover through parables and lessons how peace and love can rule the world. (Tickets: 231-5615 www.uusa.vt.edu)

Arts at Virginia Tech will be presenting A Little Night Music on February 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, March 1, 2 at 8 pm and February 25 at 2 pm. The musical will be held in Squires Haymarket Theatre. This is a wry and witty story about the tyranny of love. (Tickets: $8 231-5615 or www.sota.vt.edu)

SCHEDULE

During the spring, the band meets from 7:30-9:30 in the Blacksburg High School Band Hall. Sometimes particular instruments will meet from 7:00-7:30. The band is currently practicing music for the spring concert.

Upcoming Concerts:
Spring Concert, April 21, 2001
Peninsula Community Band, Yorktown, VA, July 1, 2001
Fourth of July-Radford, July 3, 2001
Fourth of July-Blacksburg, July 4, 2001

BLACKSBURG COMMUNITY BAND

The Blacksburg Community Band is an all-volunteer community organization formed in 1989 under the auspices of the Town of Blacksburg, Department of Parks and Recreation.

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